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10 April 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Assistant to the Director, CIA

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support  
for Civil Defense

1. O/IC has been in touch with Mr. [ ] with a view to specifying in greater detail his needs for intelligence support. Mr. [ ] has prepared a two page draft detailing these needs and grouping them by the supplying agency. O/IC has discussed this draft with the staff people in State, FBI, Army and Air Force, and will see the Navy this afternoon. Reactions have been generally favorable from State and Army. The Air Force is checking further. The FBI reaction at the staff level is negative.

2. We have informed Mr. [ ] of our progress and will talk to him again in a day or two with a view to having a paper for the IAC next week.

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Intelligence Coordination

cc: O/IC  
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TO: Deputy Director 17 April 1951  
FROM: Acting Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination  
SUBJECT: O/NE Participation in State and Defense Conference Abroad

I. The Problem

1. To decide whether the Agency should press State and Defense to permit O/NE participation from time to time in conferences which these Departments hold, or in international talks held abroad by them.

II. Discussion

2. I have been asked by O/NE on three occasions to arrange with the State Department for an O/NE officer to participate in foreign conferences held by the Department with certain Missions (Ceylon, Ankara, and London). I have recently been asked to secure a similar arrangement in connection with the US-UK-French military talks in Singapore regarding Southeast Asia military matters. O/NE bases these requests on the value which would accrue to its estimators by virtue of a relook at certain areas of the world and the opportunities for discussion with our officials and others abroad.

3. The State Department has turned down all three of the requests on the grounds that the delegation was too big, or that funds were not available, or simply that the policy desks in the State Department did not consider such participation appropriate.

4. I have not yet approached Defense on the Singapore question.

5. This question was originally raised by Dr. Langer in an early Assistant Director's meeting as a proposal to give Montague a rest after his arduous labors during the early days of reorganization. At that time I was asked to investigate the possibilities.

6. I have arranged with Fisher Howe and Sherman Kent informally to discuss this question as a general matter at lunch next Tuesday.

III. Recommendations

7. Pending the outcome of the discussion with the State Department I would recommend that as a general principle the Agency provide refresher visits abroad through some other technique than attendance at these conferences, unless invited.

8. I would recommend that the Agency not approach the Joint Chiefs with the request for attendance at the Singapore conference.